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1. THERE IS A TENDENCY HERE TO SEE THE RELAXATION OF PRESSURES AGAINST CASTRO'S CUBA AS PRIMARILY A REFLECTION OF DETENTE. DETENTE ITSELF, WHILE BROADLY HAILED AS FAVORING PEACE, IS ALSO VIEWED WITH SOME SUSPICION, EITHER (IN CONSERVATIVE CIRCLES) AS A LOWERING OF THE WESTERN GUARD, OR (THE FOREIGN MINISTRY) ENTERTAINS THIS VIEW) AS TENDING TO FAVOR THE TWO SUPERPOWERS MORE THAN OTHER COUNTRIES OR EVEN ENHANCING SUPERPOWER DOMINATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM. WHILE THESE VIEWS MAY HAVE A GENERALIZED EFFECT OVER TIME, WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT THE SAN JOSE RESOLUTION ITSELF, WHICH CAME AS NO SURPRISE TO THE GOB, WILL HAVE ANY DIRECT IMPACT ON THE GOB'S HANDLING OF BILATERAL RELATIONS OR ISSUES.

2. THE DECISION TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PANAMA CANAL CAN BE ASSUMED TO HAVE BEEN WELCOME ENOUGH TO THE GOB, WHICH AS WE HAVE NOTED BASICALLY HOPES THAT THE PROBLEM WILL BE RESOLVED WITHOUT BRAZIL HAVING TO GET INVOLVED. ALMOST NO ATTENTION, HOWEVER, IS PAID IN THE PRESS HERE TO THE DAY-TO-DAY
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OF THE CANAL ISSUE (BOTH THE DECISION TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS

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ANDTHE SNYDER AMENDMENT WENT ALL BUT UNNOTICED),AND THUS HERE
AGAIN WE IDENTIFY VIRTUALLY NO DIRECT IMPACT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS.
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